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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2001, a response to which is due  
January 3, 2002, the following remarks are submitted. In view of the Amendment and remarks  
below, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: